



## FIVB WOMEN'S WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PREVIEWS DAY 7 – MAY 22, TOKYO

### Dominican Republic - Korea Republic

#### Head-to-head

- Dominican Republic beat Korea Republic in their last meeting at a World Olympic Qualification tournament. They won 3-1 in 2008.
- Since that match of 2008, Dominican have won three of the five meetings with Korea, 3-2 wins at the 2009 World Grand Prix and 2011 World Cup and a 3-0 win at the 2009 Grand Champions Cup.
- Korea won in straight sets at the 2010 World Championship and 3-1 in their most recent meeting at the 2015 World Cup.

#### Dominican Republic

- Dominican Republic cannot qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games but they can end the 2016 World Olympic Qualification tournament on a high note by winning twice in a row.
- They claimed their first win of the Tokyo tournament against Kazakhstan (3-1). In 2008 they finished the World Olympic Qualification tournament by winning their final three matches.
- Brayelin Elizabeth Martinez (105) became the fourth player in Tokyo to score more than 100 points after Kim Yeon-Koung (KOR, 135), Lonneke Slöetjes (NED, 125) and Angela Leyva (PER, 116).

#### Korea Republic

- Korea Republic have qualified for Rio and it will be their 11th Olympic participation. They have claimed one medal, a bronze in 1976.
- Kim Yeon-Koung scored a tournament-high 34 points in the 3-2 defeat against Thailand to make her the leading top scorer with 135 points, ahead of Lonneke Slöetjes (NED, 125) and Angela Leyva (PER, 116).
- They can still win this World Olympic Qualification tournament. It would be the first time they win this event after finishing runners up three times - 2000, 2004, 2012.
- Korea Republic's last win in a major international tournament came in 2014 when they won gold at the 2014 Asian Games.



## Thailand - Peru

### Head-to-head

- Thailand beat Peru in straight sets at the 2012 World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Thailand also beat Peru in straight sets in their last two meetings at world level tournaments, the 2011 World Grand Prix and 2007 World Cup.

### Thailand

- Thailand can no longer qualify for the Olympic Games for the first time.
- Thailand came from two sets behind to win 3-2 against Korea Republic and they can now claim three successive wins at the World Olympic Qualification tournament for the first time.
- They can win three competitive matches in a row for the first time since a run of five in 2014-2015.
- Thatdao Nuekjang and Pleumjit Thinkaow each have 17 stuff blocks at this World Olympic Qualification tournament, fourth-most of all players.

### Peru

- Peru are already out of the running for a ticket for Rio.
- They can claim their third win at this World Olympic Qualification tournament. They won one match in 2012, when they finished seventh out of eight teams at the World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Angela Leyva leads her team in scoring 116 points, third-most of all players in Tokyo.
- Alexandra Muñoz has an average of 6.80 setups, the fourth-most of all players.



## Italy - Kazakhstan

### Head-to-head

- Italy and Kazakhstan will meet for the first time at a World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- These teams met once at the Olympic Games. In 2008, Italy prevailed in straight sets.
- Italy also won the last two meetings at world level tournaments - a 3-2 win at the 2011 World Grand Prix and a 3-0 win at the 2013 World Grand Prix.

### Italy

- Italy have qualified for their fifth consecutive Olympic Games. They hope to win a medal for the first time in Rio.
- Italy can still win the this World Olympic Qualification tournament. Their last win of a major tournament was the 2011 World Cup.
- They finished first in the 2000 World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Cristina Chirichella added nine blocks to her total in the 3-2 win against Japan and she leads all players with 24 stuff blocks.

### Kazakhstan

- Kazakhstan are winless in this year's competition and are out of contention for the Olympic Games.
- They hope to avoid becoming the fourth team to lose all seven matches at a World Olympic Qualification tournaments after Chinese Taipei (1996, 2012), Canada (2000) and Nigeria (2004).
- They had finished their previous campaign in 2008 with two wins. Their only wins at World Olympic Qualification tournaments.
- Kazakhstan's last wins in competitive matches came at the 2015 World Grand Prix in June 2015, when they beat Algeria, Australia and Cuba in successive matches.



## Netherlands - Japan

### Head-to-head

- Japan beat Netherlands 3-1 in their last encounter at a World Olympic Qualification tournament (2000).
- Netherlands won 3-1 at the 1996 World Olympic Qualification tournament.
- Their most recent meeting came at the 2010 World Grand Prix. Netherlands won in five sets.
- These teams met twice at the Olympic Games. Netherlands won in straight sets in 1996 (group), while Japan prevailed in the final for fifth place in 1992 (3-1).

### Netherlands

- Netherlands have secured their ticket to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. It will be their third Games after a fifth place in 1996 and a sixth place in 1992.
- The last time they won an international tournament was the 2007 World Grand Prix, although Netherlands also won Group 2 of the 2015 World Grand Prix.
- Netherlands have won seven of their last eight matches at World Olympic Qualification tournaments, including their last two in 2000.
- Since the start of 2015, Netherlands have won 22 of their 26 competitive matches, only losing against Germany (European Games), Azerbaijan (European Games), Russia (European Championship) and Korea (Olympic Qualification Tournament).
- Lonneke Slöetjes (NED, 125) only trails Kim Yeon-Koung (KOR, 135) in scoring.

### Japan

- Japan claimed their ticket for the Olympic Games for the fourth time in five World Olympic Qualification tournaments.
- They only failed to book their spot to the Games at the World Olympic Qualification tournament in 2000.
- After 2000, Japan have only suffered consecutive defeats at the World Olympic Qualification tournament in 2012, when they lost their last two matches, but still qualified for the London 2012 Olympic Games.
- Haruka Miyashita leads all players with an average of 10.17 setups per set.
- Saori Kimura's 65.91% efficiency in receiving is the highest of all players.